

Jews in Hungary Helped by Swede

Raoul Wallenberg, Architect,
Credited With Leading Rescue
of 20,000 From Nazis

The adventures of Raoul Wallenberg, a 31-year-old architect who led the rescue of 20,000 Hungarian Jews before the Red Army liberated Budapest from the Nazis, was disclosed here yesterday at the Swedish Consulate. Mr. Wallenberg is a member of one of Sweden's chief diplomatic and banking families.

The architect "disappeared" on Jan. 17, three days before the Allied-Hungarian armistice, and only two weeks after his "recapture" of the Swedish Legation in Budapest from members of the Hungarian Nazi Arrow Cross, the American-Swedish News Exchange, Inc., 630 Fifth Avenue, related.

The late President Roosevelt set in motion the machinery whereby Mr. Wallenberg's rescues were effected, according to his aunt, Mrs. William M. Calvin of Greenwich, Conn. She is the wife of Col. William M. Calvin, former United States military attaché in Stockholm.

Mrs. Calvin said President Roosevelt requested King Gustav of Sweden to try to intervene against the Hungarian Nazis and in turn the Swedish Legation in Hungary was asked to extend its protection to the Jews there.

Mr. Wallenberg was appointed secretary of the legation last summer to rescue Jews of Hungary. He was assisted by a staff of 300, mostly volunteers.

Members of the Arrow Cross

plundered food depots and last Christmas Eve arrested the entire staff, sending the women to the ghetto. It was related. All escaped later. Mr. Wallenberg worked primarily by issuing Swedish "protective passports" and by harboring the victims of persecution in the legation and in several other

houses granted diplomatic immunity.

The architect was said to have "recaptured" the legation in a "pitched battle" against Arrow Cross men who broke into the building and threatened to kill the Minister, Carl Ivan Danielsson. He escaped through a window.

Mr. Wallenberg delivered various Jews from a "death march to Vienna" and from deportation to Nazi labor camps. He achieved rescue by ruse or by insistence that the intended victims were under the protection of Sweden.

By establishing soup kitchens and by building up food stocks and trucking services, assisted by Hungarian civilians, Mr. Wallenberg managed to harbor 10,000 Jews, twice the allotted number, in houses under Swedish protection.

Shortly after the Red Army liberated Budapest on Feb. 13 the anti-Semitic laws of Hungary were repealed.

The story of the deliverance of the 20,000 Jews under the leadership of Mr. Wallenberg was made public by Mr. Danielsson upon his recent return to Stockholm.

The architect studied at the University of Michigan in 1934 and 1935. He is the only son of Baroness Frederic von Dardel of Stockholm, a sister of Mrs. Calvin. His grand uncle, Axel Wallenberg, was former Swedish Minister to the United States. Another grand uncle, Knut Wallenberg, was Swedish Foreign Minister during World War I.

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